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Applicants: STUMER et al.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

1. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ **Prior to abandonment of the application**
  - ii. ☐ With payment of the issue fee
  - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
  - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 has been granted
  - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
  - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

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## Preliminary Amendment

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2. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for ONE (1) month(s).  
☐ Please enter the Amendment submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ references.  
☐ New arguments  
☐ New evidence in support of patentability  
☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. §1.17(e))3. ☒ Filing fee has been calculated as shown below after entering the previous amendment (other than small entity):

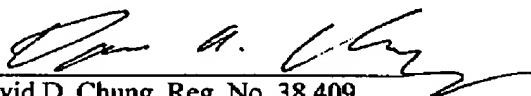
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Indep. Claim	6	-6	=0	X \$200	\$ 0.00
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Basic filing Fee					\$ 790.00
Total					\$ 790.00

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